

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Date.....September 19, 2007

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board met with Civil Counsel Alex Beal for a discussion of personnel and litigation strategy. As allowable by Montana Statute, the door was closed due to those particular issues.

In other business the Board held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Adoption and a public hearing for tax levy for premium contributions. Present were Accounting Supervisor Jana Exner and Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy. No members of the public were present.

In regard to the budget adoption, Klarryse discussed the assessed valuation, taxable valuation and yield of one mill for a total mill value of 116.869. Klarryse also discussed the aggregate for the county wide formula and aggregate for the road formula. This formula includes the new growth and inflation factor. Klarryse stated this proposed budget is a balanced budget. She also noted if the Board adopts the line budget they must record over 300 pages of budget. If a bottom line budget is adopted, the resolution along with approximately three pages of the tax levies is recorded. Discussion included departments staying within the 'bottom line' of their budgeted monies. If they follow the line item budget, it forces the department heads to follow each of their line items and transfer monies from one line to another when they exceed a particular line item. Commissioner Chilcott felt the line item budget helps the department heads maintain 'fiscal responsibility'.

It was agreed Klarryse will prepare a first quarter update the first part of October and the Commissioners will address the budget in the upcoming October Department Head meeting.

Klarryse also explained the mills to be levied outside the cap which will pay for the increase in the employee health employee insurance.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2184 which sets an increase in the tax levy for the health care premium for employees, and to adopt Resolution No. 2185 which adopts the budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In other business the Board met in a brief meeting with Juvenile Detention Director Lori Roderick and Marwan Saba of the State of Montana Juvenile Licensing Division. Lori addressed the overtime budget. She stated when kids are drunk, she has to pay for 'sitting' with the kids while they are in the hospital, plus the hospital bill. However she found out these kids are not in her custody yet. Therefore she has been paying overtime when it was actually the responsibility of the Youth Court. She found this out when Marwan came over for his yearly visit in regard to the licensing. When she addressed this with Clint Arneson, who is the Youth Court Chief Deputy, he was upset and threatened to take her grant monies away for detention services.

Marwan stated when he performed his yearly audit in the last few days, he found these expenditures which did not seem right to him. As he researched the expenditures he found these kids are not in the custody of the county yet, and it also becomes a liability issue for the county if something were to happen to the juvenile when they are not yet in county custody. Marwan stated if a youth is on violation, Clint has the authority to detain. Juvenile Detention has the authority to house and treat the youth medically.

Marwan stated for Clint to threaten to take Lori's grant money away, which is the grant money she needs to assist in the detention services, is not right and it is an empty threat. He stated there are no ties between Youth Court and Juvenile Detention. The only thing probation can do is to have electronic monitoring rather than detaining them at the county facility. Marwan stated they had a problem last year in that Lori was billing the parents for certain services and Youth Court was taking the money. He stated the money should have stayed with Lori in Juvenile Detention. That situation was corrected. He stated Probation has no authority over the Juvenile Detention Center, but he sees Clint attempting to have and use power over them.

Lori stated she wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this as she will be telling Clint 'no' to the baby sitting services in the future, and paying for them as well. Commissioner Driscoll stated her past history with Clint is Youth Court takes advantage of Lori and Lori needs to stop this now. Marwan stated it becomes his concern if a liability issue arises particularly in regard to licensing. The county could go ahead and pay the bills but why would they want to? Marwan stated in other counties Reserve Deputies are utilized and paid for by Youth Court.

Marwan relayed the State has the money for the treatment and this is not a county issue. He stated this is an odd situation for Youth Court to require Juvenile Detention pay for the kids when they are not even in their custody at that point.

Commissioner Chilcott advised Lori to document this information and the threat from Clint about the grant funding. He advised her to send this documentation to the Commissioners, Sheriff Chris Hoffman, Department of Corrections, County Attorney George and the District Court Judges.

Marwan stated this issue boils down to people overstepping their boundaries. The county runs the Juvenile Detention Center, and he simply does the audit, assisting Lori through the year to make this work. He noted no deficiencies in the juvenile detention in regard to the licensing. He stated he is very picky and this is a good facility.

Commissioner Driscoll asked if the county could back bill Youth Court. Marwan suggested Lori calculate these amounts out and discuss it with the Commissioners.

In other business the Board met with 9-1-1 Center Director Joanna Hamilton in regard to tariff fund monies (CJIN). Joanna received a letter from the state on the tariff fund monies being utilized for certain items that are not allowable under this state tariff fund. Some of the purchases were from 2003 and she did not take over the director position until January 2006. Joanna stated she does not know how they should pay for these charges in the amount of \$3,496.79, as the state wants the 9-1-1 account reimbursed. Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy was now present. She stated she will review this request and will attempt to find where they can take these funds from in order to reimburse the tariff fund.

The Board also addressed the Logysistbill in the amount of \$17,000. Klarryse stated that money will have to be taken from the E 9-1-1 account.

In regard to the overtime in 9-1-1; Klarryse indicated the salary line is down for expenditures in July and August due to two dispatchers being out plus one on maternity leave. A budget transfer will need to be done so they can track this correctly.

Joanna also addressed the space at the Legion Building on 2nd Street. After an architect reviewed this building he noted it would need to be 'gutted out' and the cost would be at least \$500,000 which is not cost effective. Therefore, they are looking at the courthouse basement again for an area. Joanna will call Glenda to set up a meeting with Oz Architects.

The Board held an interview with Mike Moore for the Open Lands Board. Also present at this interview was Planner Vanessa Perry.

The Board discussed the open position on the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority. Applications were received from Doug Davies and Paul Wilson. It was noted

Paul Wilson's application was several days late and the Economic Development Board had already made a recommendation to appoint Doug Davies. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to appoint Doug Davies to the EDA Board with a term ending October 1st 2012. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

Commissioner Chilcott, Commissioner Rokosch and Commissioner Driscoll attended a Stevensville Main Street Association meeting during the early evening hours.